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THE

Epiſtle Dedicatory,

To all the Students in Lewdneſs and Debauchery.

I Having made it my whole Practiſe in this ſtudious Science, what I have found moſt agreeable to Nature, and that which hath given the moſt lengthening Satisfaction; I having ſtudied every individual, pleaſant, agreeable means, manner, object and fancy, not omiting any thing that could be thought neceſſary to fulfil the deſired pleaſure; and having had the Theorick, as well as the Practick, I have acquired to be a Maſter of Art in this Function, that, that as the Learned calls *Momentary*, I have by Artificial management, lengthened many minutes; but was forc't at laſt to part with, as the Old Man did with his Pillow, rouſing up the Spirits, and then with a Hem, or Sigh, give way to a momentary Stupidity; but by the heat and ſcirculation of the Blood, and every Vital being in motion, quickly recovered to the true ſence of conſidering what

was ſo lately paſt; and the true and juſt Merits thereof, where I was confuſed with the anxiety and diſorder of the mind, to think of the ingratitude to my Maker in the Offence, when I had a Lawful means to lay this Itch; this cauſed ſuch a ſmarting in my Conſcience, when I came to a true conſideration, how God Almighty has formerly puniſht them or him according to his own Heart, and that may be for only one ſin; therefore what can we expect that have been guilty of as many as *Sodom* and *Gomora*; therefore to you Gentlemen, that are moſt Culpable, conſider the cauſe of my Diſorder, being come to my ſelf, and deſiring to be a true Penitent, with a hearty Contrition and reſolution of amendment, deſiring the aſſiſtance of all the Angels, that we read, *do rejoyce at the Repentance of a ſinner*; ſo, not only wiſhing, but Praying for your following of my reſolved Reformation, which is the humble deſire of him that is,

Your moſt obedient Servant

John Dutton.

TO

TO THE READER.

Courteous Reader,

IF *I ſhall gain any Applauſe in this undertaking, I think it convenient to be ſo grateful, in the firſt place, to my Maker, from whom I have received Breath; in the next, not to be unmindful of my Education; Firſt, from my Parents; then from whoſe Works and Converſation I have moſt Profited in. In my Nature, from the beginning, I was ever true to my Friend, many times to a fault; I ever was an Enemy to all Servants where I ever lived that were not true in their Practiſe and Truſt; It was always my Temper to give every Creature its intrinſick value, even the very Animal and Vegitable. I had, when I came to years of Underſtanding, an inclination to Learning; and*

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my Pious Mother designed me for Travel, which I had an inclination to; but my Mother Dying the year after the Restoring of King Charles the Second, that was prevented, my Father having six of us to take care of, only some Goods left, an Estate newly retreived from the Rebels, lost again by her Death. I received no farther Schooling than my Grammer; in Arithmatick, Division; So my Father told me I must think of some Trade, I being the Eldest; in which Trade I was so forward, that before I had been two years at it, my Father left me at that Antient, Honourable Family, the late Earl of Shrewsbury's at Grafton in Worcestershire, Master Cook, where many Weeks our Kitchen Expence amounted to Thirty Pound a Week; our yearly Expence was one large Ox a Week, besides all other Meats; our setled Family being upwards of Sixty in Family. When I came to settle in the World for my self, I came acquainted with Mr. Thomas Hall, a very good City Cook, and the only sensible Man of the Trade, who was a great Sufferer for being a Roman Catholick (I being the same) at all leisure times I used to Visit him, where I found the greatest satisfaction in Conversation, and came acquainted with many good Books, and Knowledg in them; and I have many

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now by me, that I have been offered double what they coſt me. The next of my Delights has been Heraclitus Ridens. *But the moſt Worthy and ever to be Honoured Sir* Roger L'Eſtrange *his Works, for both* Divine *and* Human Practice ; *how to avoid the drawing on (not forgotten) Miſeries in matters of State particularly. So as the whole Work is but ſhort, I will trouble you with no more, but Pray for my Bennifactors in general ; and I hope you will accept the Will for the Deed, if there be any miſtakes.*

Your well wiſher, and

Humble Servant

John Dutton.

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From amongſt the Lunaticks *at Dr.* Adam's *Houſe, over-againſt the* Kings Head *in* Marybone, *April* 26. 1694.

Neighbours, and Fellow-Mechanicks,

THIS is to give you the True Reaſons for my withdrawing my ſelf from my Houſe at the *Sugar-Loaf* within *Temple-Bar*, after Two Months Confinement amongſt diſtempered People, and parting with the beſt and loyaliſt of Wives, and Six moſt Dutiful Children, which at this time are Extraordinary Jewels.

In the first place, I think it convenient to inquire into the Original and Natural Causes of my differing from many other of our Mechanicks, especially those Greesie ones the *Cooks* in general.

In the first place, by my Father's side I am a Spawn of that Ancient Family of the *Duttons* in *Cheshire*, and the *Beaumounts* of *Leistershire*; On my Mothers side, the *White's* of *Dorsetshire*, and *Turgis's* of *Ringwood* in *Hamshire*, which the *Whites* especially of *Fittlefoord*, and other places, in the County of *Dorset*, had an Estate of One Thousand Pound *per annum*, before his late Highness *Oliver Cromwell's* Usurpation, my Family being *Roman Catholicks*, and Actors for King *Charles* the First, in that Unnatural and Inhumane War, in which we had All taken from us for our *Loyalty*; for which my Father had in King *Charles* the Second's Time some small acknowledgment from the Crown.

My Father being bred up in the Family of the Lord *Chouerths* of *Ansley*, in *Nottinghamshire*; there being a most plentiful House for Hospitality, it then being much in Fashion in this Kingdom; His Delight being most in the Kitchen, the then Lord *Clouerth* caused him to be put an Apprentice to one *Duffel*, a *Cook*, in *Fetter-lane*. When he was near out of his Time, he being very forward in his business, Sir *John Webb* of *Canfoord Magna*, in the County of *Dorset*, bought out the Residue of his Time. He had not lived long there before he came acquainted with Mrs. *Ann White*, the Daughter of Mr. *William White*, then Steward to Sir *John Webb*, whom he married against the Father's Consent; she being the Only Child left,

left, and in them Days a Conſiderable Fortune, and a fine Woman, and very Young.

This happening preſently after the beheading of that good K. *Charles* the Firſt, he took my Mother to *London*, to ſettle in the Trade he was bred up in, and took an Houſe in *Drury-lane*, near St. *Giles's* in the Fields. My Mother being then with Child of me, he was but juſt well ſetled, when there came out an Order from his late Highneſs St. *Oliver*, to baniſh all *Cavaliers* from within Ten Miles of *London*; which forced my Father to leave the Town, he having been in the Kings Army as long as the Wars laſted, and left my Mother behind in *London*, to make the beſt of the Houſe and Goods; ſhe being forc'd to go to her diſobliged Parents, and my Father to go to a Family of the *Carells* in *Suſſex* to Service; in which Service my Father continued ſome Time; I being in that Time born; and had the Honour to be a Foſter-Brother to ſome of that Family, my Mother giving a Child of that Family part of my Milk, when I became able to run about.

I had my firſt Education amongſt the Children of the late Sir *John Webb*, a Family we have all been much oblig'd to, to this Day, I having a Siſter living at this time there, which received her whole Education from them.

When the Clouds began to diſperſe, and *Old Nick* came in a Tempeſt for his true Friend and Benefactor *Old Noll*; my Father then went to ſerve the Honourable Mr. *Thomas Arundel*, that married that Worthy Lady Madam *Lucy*, of *Sutton Park* in *Worceſterſhire*, where he ſent for me, and put me to School to a very good Maſter in the Church of *Tenbury*, in the ſame County, where a Bridge parts this

County and *Shropshire*. Then came that merry, musical Time of the *Restoration* of our Exil'd Prince, *Charles* the Second. Then I saw nothing but Mirth, Good Hospitality, *Maurice-Dancing*, and all sorts of Old *English* Exercises, with such a Dinn of *Restoration*, that I cannot drive it out of my Head ever since.

At this place I came in Fancy of *Cookery*, there being always for the Time of my Father's living, Open House kept, especially at the Festival Times of the Year, where I was an Eye-Witness, and withal had a Finger in the Pye; and seeing such daily great Gifts come to my Father, and such great Profits allowed, and Priviledges to *Cooks*; that although my Father proffered me the choice of any Trade, yet nothing would serve me but that; which I often repented, until now, that I am become Master of it, altho in an ignorant Age for Judges, especially amongst the Young Gallants; For if One of the Gang bleats, *That there is a New House Open, and the best in* England *at Cookery, and came from such a place*; That *the Master thereof, to my Knowledge*, never *rightly* understood it; Away they run, like so many *Sheep to the Fold*, or *Pens*; and *there is One Sauce for All Meats*; like *the Quack-Doctors*, *One Pill for All Distempers*. Then crys One Fopp, *This Fellow works himself, and such an one is always abroad*. Then crys another *Sharper*, *He is so dear, I will not go there*; That is, in plain Terms, because *He is indebted to me*. The next of my Calumniators, and Detracters, crys, *He says in his Drinking, he can spend with a Man of Five Hundred Pounds a Year, and break him, says this Villain, that has often eat at my cost: We must needs expect to*

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be cheated if we go there: Therefore what is all this but pretended Ignorance, or *Ungrateful Returns for Civilities ſhown*; when I intend to oblige them, that ſhould not make a Wrong Conſtruction of Favours *receiv'd*. Therefore This is Enough to ſet a man upon *the Extream Reſolution* of Old *Timon* of *Athens*, that reſolv'd to be an Hater of All Mankind, for their *Ingratitude*. But my next Entertainment ſhall be according to *Timon*'s; that is, *Empty Diſhes*. But as I have found *ſome friends in need*, both Men and Women; it is, and always was my principle to give all mankind their juſt due, both in Debt and Character; and wherever I have received a ſignal Kindneſs, I never did, nor never ſhall think I have made a grateful Return; not as I ſet forth this ſmall Paper to Juſtify my ſelf, but that there is many Traders now living near me, that I have dealt withal, and my Family ſtill deals with, who have received many thouſands of Pounds of me, and many others in the ſeveral Markets in and about *London*; and I boldly Challenge any of them, whether they can, or ever could charge me with any unjuſt Action in my way of Trading between Man and Man; if they can, I deſire they would make it as publick as I have this; or if I ever offered to pay leſs than *Twenty Shillings in the Pound*; nor ever was it my Temper to bate any man, without I found his Bill very unreaſonable; but on the contrary, to the leſſening my Profit, when I liv'd in that unfortunate place to me, *White-Fryars*, where I firſt ſet up to Trade for my ſelf, being incouraged by the Cuſtomers, I having lived one year in the Houſe before I took it, with the beſt of Miſtreſſes, but the worſt, the miſerableſt, and unchriſtianlikeſt of

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Landladies that ever an Honeſt meaning Man had to do withal, although promiſed me other things, which you that read this ſhall Judg.

I firſt took a Thorn out of her Foot, and put it into my own, in taking a Leaſe in that place for one and twenty years, and paying down one Hundred and Fifty Pounds Fine, and Sixty Three Pounds *per Annum*, and had not above two years Trade that deſerved that Rent; I entered upon this when I was Twenty Pounds in Debt, which no man could have done without the ſum of Five Hundred Pounds of good and lawful Mony of *England*, entered clearly to Trade, and go to Market with ready Mony; but having the promiſe of one Hundred and Fifty Pounds from my Father, I ventured to begin upon Credit; I having the proſpect of a good Houſe well Cuſtomed, not unknown to many of their Greaſineſſes, that were then Sages and Governours of that Corporation, many of them now living, who then thought I had a very hard bargain.

I kePt the Houſe one whole year a Batchelour, then thought it high time to take a Yoak-mate; I having ſeveral Offers, but none that I could really like ſo well as ſhe that is my preſent Wife, with whom I was in Love four years before; I could have had one with ſix Hundred Pounds, I being then Indebted Five Hundred; but none could pleaſe me but this, altho ſhe had but two Hundred; and ſhe has proved ſo good, that what ſhe wanted in Fortune, ſhe has made up in Goodneſs, that I may ſay more than many can, *that I never yet repented my Bargain.*

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Then came that famous Crew of *Monarchy-Hunters*, into great Voge, that never to be forgotten Doctor *O. Tongue*, *Bedlow*, and many more of thoſe Saints, *Whig* and *Tory*, *Tantivy-men*, and ſuch like diſtinctions, which I look upon to be the procurſors of our late Diſorders; theſe times were very prejudicial to me and other innocent People; I being then Cook to that Honourable Society of *Serjants Inn* in *Fleetſtreet*; and the laſt Dinner that I dreſt for them, was the Conſecration of their Chappel; the preſent B. of *London* Preached the Sermon; where I had the honour of *Thanks* for what I had done, and about the Sum of *Forty Pounds* paid me for the *Dinner*, and all that ever I did for them, honeſtly Paid, with an *Expreſſion of Pity* from that True *Friend* Mr. Serjeant *Goodfellow*, then Treaſurer of that Houſe, *That I was not a Proteſtant, if I had, I might have injoyed the place.* This and a great deal more I ſuffered at that time for my *Religion*; and ſince which I muſt Challenge many of my Perſwaſion that I know living at this time, that ſwallowed the Oaths, and appeared at the Church to ſave their Bacon, which I thank God I never did, nor never will for *Intereſt* ſake; and all them that did, or ever do, I look upon them to be no better than Hypocrites, and a greater *Scandal to the Church* than I have been in all my *Frolicks*; mine being cauſed by *Trouble* and *Loſs*, and in the *Paſſion* of *Drinking* and *Diſorder*; theirs Premeditated.

Now times were very Troubleſome, and Trading very bad, and I having every year a Child, my Friends and Acquaintance pitied us, wondering how we Lived to pay ſuch a rack Rent, and ſuch a continual Charge;

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If they had *known all*, they might have wondered, for I have wondered my ſelf; I paying to a Relation in the City ſixteen Pounds a year, for ſeven years, for one hundred and Eighty Pounds, the Intereſt thereof; and to keep my Promiſe with Tradeſmen, I have paid the ſame Relat on ſeveral Times, for Eighteen Pounds, received in hand, twenty Pounds, paying it back at Twenty Shillings a Week, which in ſixteen years time I can charge my ſelf with the paying of upwards of three hundred Pounds *Intereſt-Mony*.

In this ſixteen years time I had fourteen Children, and one Miſcarriage, a fit of Sickneſs on my ſelf, which coſt me upwards of Three Hundred Pounds, the laſt of my Phyſitians being the beſt, he had in ſix Weeks time Fifty Pounds, beſides Ten Pounds it coſt me by-Charges. This Doctor was a *Dear Joy*, although an Ingenious man, his Name was *Cray*, living in St. *Albans Street* near St. *James's Square*, and he was an hundred and five years of Age when he Died. Now dear Fellow Traders, here comes the Pinch, for like the Diſtempers that are long breeding, either in Common wealths, or Mans Body, when it breaks out, proves fatal to either, if not prevented by Providence. Thus it has been with me, I having an opportunity of removing out of the Rebellious place of the upper and lower *Alſatia*, and *Sharp Iſland*, vulgarly called by the name of *White Fryars*, meeting with a Tennant as Fatal to me as my Landlady, his Name being upon Record, for an old Blind Bear, a Monſter in Nature, who paid a Butcher once near two hundred pounds, he being ſo much Indebted to him in Contenſious Law-Suits: If you would know more of him, he Married

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one like himself, a Widow in *Suffolk-Street*, near *Charing-Cross*, which her Children are the worse for. I went that time the Circuit, into the *North* of *England*, with Sir *Richard Allibone*, and Sir *Thomas Powel*, then Judges for that Assizes. I left it to my Wife to find out an House that she lik'd; and she, with some Acquaintance fixt on the House my Family now lives in; that is, the *Sugar Loaf* at *Temple-Bar*.

When I came off the Circuit, I liked the place, but thought it very dear, to pay one Hundred Pounds Fine, and to Repair all my self, which I was forc'd to do. As soon as I was entered here, I wanted nothing but a better and bigger House; The first year I had the Honour to dress the *Serjeants Feast* at *Lincolns-Inn*, called, *The Prince of* Wales *his Call of Serjeants*. The same Summer I went the *Oxford* Circuit with Sir *Thomas Powel*, and Mr. Baron *R.* and famous Dr. *Burgess* went as far as *Oxford* with us; this being something remarkable by the Doctor's Preaching a Sermon there; where he took the Liberty to challenge the whole University about *Jacob* and *his Son Isaac*; which had it been a Popish Priest, he must not have gone off without Stripes. Another Observation I cannot omit, Baron *R.* going with the other Judge in the Morning to the *Church*, and in the Afternoon to a *Conventicle* in private. And in this Circuit I smelt a Rat; for I found all the Sheriffs to be *Roman Catholicks*, except the Sheriff of *Salop*, and great Doings, and a good profitable Circuit to me; but I found little Resort of the Old Protestant Gentlemen to our *Catholick Sheriffs*; but some *Time serving Trencher Weather-cocks*, who are for that which is uppermost.

When we came to *Shrewsbury*, being the laſt Seat, the Judges had much a-do to make a Court, for want of Juſtices, for many would not appear; ſome others were afraid of what was coming on; particularly, a Man of ſix pounds *per annum* was in the Town-Goal for Debt; ſo I had like to have been preferred to the *Bench* before I had been a *Barriſter*, had I not other Fiſh to Fry in the Kitchen.

Theſe Fore boding I did not like; therefore when after the Judges parted; the one, honeſt Sir *Thomas Powel*, my conſtant Friend and Maſter, being always true to his Friend, and the beſt of Friends to me, went into *Wales* to his own Dwelling-houſe; the other went privately out of Town, to prevent our being chargeable to him. For that Reaſon, to drive away that *Spleen*, I ſent for All the Muſick in the Town, and injoyed my ſelf until Sir *Thomas his Coach* returned; Then I lived like Prince *Dutton*, and travelled home with Company of my own Kidney, without the Expence of one Farthing; which I cannot omit giving the Praiſe deſerved, it being from my Fellow Servants in that Circuit.

When I came home to the carefulleſt and beſt of Wives, I was received with that expected Joy that all good Wives will give to a careful induſtrious Husband, that is not ungrateful.

Things of State began to gape for Change; and the *Mobility* began to cry for *Liberty and Property*, which look'd like ſome diſmal Change and Judgment from above, which ſoon after happened, I being a Fellow-Sufferer in theſe Diſorders with the reſt; all things of Government going off the Hinges; the diſmal Hubbub of the *Iriſh Maſſacree*

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bellowing forth, my House was markt at, and as well executed, had I not lived by an Eminent Neighbour, and good Friend, Mr. *Child*, my next Neighbour, considering *Self preservation* mixt withal, with the thought of *Innocent Oppression*, I had a Guard in my House of the Trained Bands, which I almost fear'd as much as the *Mobility*, they proving no Security to *Wild-Goose*; but like the *Mice* and *the Weesels* in *the Fable*, they keeping off the poor Vermine, and plundering the Place themselves.

After this came out an Old Informer, one *L.* which in defence thereof cost me near Ten Pounds: Then that Vermine was suppresst by the Honoured Lord Chief Justice *Holt*, now Lord Chief Justice. Being full of business, and no want of Money, I left that *K.* my Tenant *B.* in my House in *White-Fryars*, run in Arrears of Rent Forty Seven Pounds, Taxes being allowed. This I could not get by Fair Means; I was forc'd to interceed with my Old Friend and Neighbour, then Sir *Francis Child*, one of the Sheriffs of *London*, to assist me in Forcing this Litigious Bruit to a Conformity; which Expedition that Day cost me near Fifteen Pounds, besides lik'd to be knockt on the Head by the *Fryeronions*; in which Action, them Villains giving more Ear to the *Oppressor* than *the Oppressed*; They and *the Pack-Thread Council*, a sort of Governours amongst them so called, wherein they did pass an Act, at a general Meeting, *Nemine contra dicenti*, *That no Tenant should come into the House, whilst I was Landlord.* Therefore I applied my self and Friends to the Saint my Landlady, whose Demand was so *unreasonable*, I was advised by my Friends to stand off, and pay not the Arrears of Rent, without she would comply at Reasonable Rates.

This forc'd me to keep my own House for one Month, until my Wife lay in of another Child; I was forc'd to come down into business, and comply with her Unreasonable Demands, which was one Hundred and Forty Pounds for Five Years to come of the Lease, which I paid; which after the paying of an Hundred and Fifty Pounds at first, and a Rack-Rent of Sixty Three Pounds *per annum* for 16 years; I will be judged by any of the greatest of my Enemies, the *Slubberdegullions*, or any other of *the Mechanick State menders* (for from them *I expect no mercy*) whether *they*, or *any other Traders but my self*, that have, and *ever had an aversion* to any *unjust* or *illegal proceeding*, in what Nature so ever, would not have taken the Advantage of going lower down into the *Fryars*, when I was an *Inhabitant there*, and *made my own Terms*: And if I had *left her* when I was *her Servant*, in one years time she would have been glad to have taken 50 *l. per annum* without a *Fine*: she Forgets the Kindness I did her, when after she turned off the Old *Carret-pated, tender-footed, blockheaded, Whiggish Lover*, there came a *brisk young Gallant*, that sate up *Night and Day with her*, following the Old Proverb, *how to court a Widow*. This *Spark* pretended he was Heir to 500 *l.* a year; which set *her Fustiness* mightily upon the Fret; but I being a *true and faithful Servant*, made it my business to find it out; and found him to be only a Servant to one of the *Prebends* of *Windsor*; which spoyl'd my Spark's *Intrigue*: but he went off with a *Diamond Ring*, for which she had a Tryal at Law with him at *Windsor*; which may be seen upon Record.

Now to my *distress*: When I had been at the Charge of removing these Goods to my House at *Temple-Bar*, an Attorney

torney, that was, as I have been credibly informed, and is ſtill a *a true ſhoving Friend* of *Urſula's*. The ſhe *B's* Two Daughters, by the *firſt Husband*, brings a *Replevy*; I to follow the Suit, imploys *two Attorneys*, ſo called; one a *pretended Romaniſt*; the other, *a City true blue Proteſtant*; pays them Money before-hand, being *the ſinews of the Law*, in my Politicks, *as well as the War*, they have held me in diſpence theſe 3 years laſt *March*, to the Expence of 60 odd pounds; and all the ſatisfaction I have had, is *a Writ of Inquiry*, the laſt Term allow'd me, with Coſt; when there is neither Goods nor Tenant to be found. And my *two Petty Foggers*; ſeeing I am going to imploy another, more honeſt than themſelves, they ſend me a Bill, which by the Judgment of the *Prothonitor*, I have paid them too much already, which I ſhall have taxt this Term.

In the next place, for my kindneſs to Relations, ſince I came to this Houſe, it has coſt me near one hundred and fifty Pounds, to Gentlemen, that I have not only lent them Mony to buy Shoos to their Feet, but truſted them; and to one particular, moſt Mony lent, which I have Bond for; Intereſt and Principle comes to, from each man, upwards of eighty Pounds, the Principle Mony being due near four years: Another, a Pillory Spark that formerly kept an Inn at *R*—— when Sir *Thomas Manby* was High Sheriff, he having appeared with my Wife in the Taking of this Houſe; for his Kindneſs in ſo doing, altho my Wife Paid him, he deſired my Aſſiſtance in getting him in to be Bayliff of an Hundred, and being acquainted with the Under Sheriff, I was bound in a Bond of Five Hundred Pounds for his diſcharging this Truſt, for which I paid in Mony, and what he was

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Indebted to me beſides, upwards of Fifty Pounds: Theſe Abuſes and Diſappointments, for my good Nature, drove me into a Paſſion of Extravagancy, beginning about three years ſince.

In this time, amongſt Strolers, Pipers, Harpers, Hop-merchants, with the little and great merry Grigs of the Town; not forgetting the many pretenders to Religion and Loyalty, eſpecially one ſly Forain Rogue, who drew me in to be Bound for him for thirty odd Pounds, and ſuffered me to be Sued for it, but I have him faſt enough. This Converſation has coſt me three hundred Pounds and more; which Mony I value not, for I would not be without the Knowing of the Vanity of my Fellow Creatures, in theſe and many other Diſcoveries, how they are Cullied by Bullies, Trapes, Sweetners, Sharpers and Jilts, which *I* have made trial of on a good Friend, and a Gentleman that I had a particular reſpect for; but *I* knew his blind ſide, he Loved, and was like the *Hermet* in the Fable, could not live much longer without a peice of Womans Fleſh; I ſtriking whilſt the Iron was hot, and happened to be newly acquainted with one of the moſt Dexterous of her Function; and one, as it happened, that he never was acquainted with, which I wondered at, he being an old Whore-maſter about the Town, therefore he was the more Eager; which at firſt ſhe Charm'd him; and altho it was *Sunday*, we muſt to ſome *Houſe of Entertainment*, which we agreed (being in *Southwark*) to *Puntacks* in the City; ſo, what with the Charming Voice and pretty Features, and witty Expreſſions, *I found him faſt*, then *I* was well enough; next Morning betimes to his Lodgings *I* went to know his Pleaſure: All buſineſs

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was to be laid aside until he was better acquainted with this Lady, which *I* told him, *I would manage for him*; So I was got into an Office; Nothing like it in that *Humour*. When I came to the Ladies House that Morning, she askt about my Spark, of whom I gave her full satisfaction; that day we were to Dine with her at her own house, which was very well Furnisht with Good Plate, Jewels and other Furniture, to the Admiration of my Spark; then liv'd I beyond a *German* Prince, not without Mony good Musick, Vocal and Instrumental, good Wine, good Eating, Chairing and Coaching all day long: In a Months time, or there about, my Child, as I had Adopted her, and my self, had put my Gentleman to upwards of 50 pounds Expence. She borrowed 50 pounds of him, and my self 50 pounds more, and this all in the compass of 2 Months. Now if I could, at the first coming to this Office, draw an Old Gamester into this Priminary, what could not I do amongst the silly young Fry? But I am resolved to draw in no more, for I have heartily Repented of this; and to my abused Friend, which he is sensible of, that if I had not perswaded him off in time, she had grapled 50 *l.* more.

The reason of my Exposing this in Print, is to give good Advice to all my fellow Christians; and to shew them what these Catterpillers, and Pesterers of Mankind, these Mercinary, Common, Jilting, Fulsom Women are; I have had the Experience of them Night and Morning, Drunk and Sober, and know the difference at Bed and Board, between a good Wife, and these Prostituted common Strumpets; I having sate Foot to Foot, with Bottle and Glass, Bill to Bill with some of the best of them: When

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he that has Paid for what we Drank, has been denied Entrance, which Ingratitude is Natural to the Trade; therefore I not only wonder at all Mankind for this Folly, but particularly the Married Men, eſpecially them that have Honeſt Women; Some Men I have heard ſay, *The Women of the Town have ſuch Charming ways with them*; Why don't theſe Teach their Wives theſe ways? I am ſure they may in a weeks time teach as much of that as will imploy them all their Life time, and more ſecure and ſafe from Diſtempers; therefore let me Adviſe you all from the higheſt to the loweſt, to conſider in time, for fear a worſe thing befal you.

I muſt relate to you, in the laſt year of King *Charles* the Second's Reign, I being then Conſtable in the Ward of *Farringdon without*, I was call'd to a Publick Houſe in *Water Lane*, in *Fleetſtreet*, there being *Murder* cryed out; when I came, we found a Gentleman-like Man on a Woman of the Town Dead, and ſhe crying for help; the Account that was given by the Woman was this, *The Gentleman being in Drink, picks her up in* Fleetſtreet, *and goes into this Houſe, where, not long after, he died upon her in that Condition*; The Woman was ſent to the Houſe of Correction, and ſoundly Whipt. Now conſiderate People would be in fear of ſuch a Judgment as this, which is very true and remarkable.

Now my Hand is in, I muſt give ſome *particular advice* to ſome of my *Neighbours*, of *the Function*; the firſt is, a famous *upſtart Aledraper* without *Temple-Bar*, that is ſo proud grown, that *I* met him not long ſince in the City, and gave him the *time of the day*, but the *pragmatical Fop* took no notice of me; Another thing he has publickly declared in a Club that

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uſes his House, *That his Brewer takes of him* 1500*l. per annum*, in which to my knowledge he is miſtaken 2 parts in 3. As for his *Burying place* he has bought at *Iſlington*, 'tis well intended. But, I hear *he is turn'd Merchant*; and I would have him adviſe with *Æſop*'s *Shepherd turn'd Merchant*, where in a Tempeſt he loſt all his Figs, and thought it a great Providence in ſaving his Life: That has been a *fatal houſe* 30 years ſince for *unſetled Spirits*; for I knew two ſucceſſively, when they had got a great deal of Mony there, left that Houſe for a bigger; One of them, to my knowledg, came into *White-Fryers* for ſhelter. The next, are two *Neighbours* in——*Two famous Slubberdegullions*, both, as I am credibly informed, *guilty of Inceſt*; one marrying Two Siſters, the other marrying One Siſter, and making ſo much of the other, that he has broke his Wife's Heart. I have a particular remark on that Villain at the Sign of the *T*—— His ſhuffling with his Creditors, I need not trouble you withal; it has been publick enough ſeveral years ſince; and for the Eſtate he has got, you may judg how he has proſper'd; when I was *Conſtable*, a *Common Female Diver* met with a Gentleman in *Fleetſtreet*, and went with him into a *publick houſe*, and there pickt his Pocket, and took from him to the value of 40 *l.* or thereabouts: One *Walker*, a *Porter*, without *Temple-Bar*, came to me, and directed me to the Houſe where the Gentlemans Pocket was pickt: *I* quickly made them find out the Strumpet; and when *I* had this Lady in my Cuſtody, who ſhould come to ſpeak in her behalf but this Famous *Sodomite*, and was very angry with me that *I* would not *take a Bribe, and let her go:* For *this Reaſon* this *Booby* can never give me a good word. Perhaps *they take it for Pride in me I* do not aſſociate *my ſelf with them.* The

Reaſon is, *take them out of the Kitchen, they are fit for a Bear-garden*; Therefore to all *ſenſible men I ſpeak it*; What greater Mortification is there, than the company of a hunching, pawming, mouthing, laughing, ſenſeleſs booby, to a man of the meaneſt underſtanding, eſpecially one that has been bred from his Cradle amongſt Quality, and having lived in ſeveral of the beſt Families in the Kingdom, where I learned the Fundamental parts of *Cookery*, which is in plain *Engliſh, good Houſewifry*; and if I have any Pride and Ambition in me, 'tis in keeping my betters, and them of ſenſe and ſome underſtanding company, for there is ſomething to be learned; when I am not my ſelf I keep any Company comes to hand; therefore to all my fellow Creatures I ſpeak it, from the higheſt to the loweſt; Withdraw your ſelves to your ſelves, into a Serious conſideration, as I have done for this two Months; altho it ſeem'd hard at firſt, I now would not change my reſolution of Temperance, for the beſt Eſtate in the Kingdom; I finding my ſelf free from frightful Dreams, extraordinary intemperance of Body, having the true taſt of my Meat and Drink, and that received with a Guſt; every part of my body keeping true motion, without diſorder; the fragrancy of every Plant, the Harmony of the Nightingal, and other little Animals, beyond all the Scraping and Grimaſes of the Comædians; being Natural, without Fiction; beſides in the place where I am, there are 3 ſuch objects of Pity, 2 Men and a Woman, the two men, one that had an Eſtate of twelve hundred Pouuds *per Annum*, an ingenious good Schollar, by the abuſe of his Friends and Relations cheating of him, drove him into ſuch a fit of Lunacy that he will never be himſelf, altho by

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an Oyl that the Dr. uſes, that he learnt in his Travels beyond the Seas, he is much better than he has been; and to this Oyl I muſt give the praiſe, under God, of my Recovery, and I think it worth its weight in Gold; which if it were not for the Caution of *Æſpo*'s Aſs in the Fable, Moral and Reflection, his putting on of the Lions Skin, I would Adviſe ſome of our City State-menders, to come and conſider well what to do; but for fear of being whipt with my own laſh, I'll leave off whilſt I am well.

The other man having too, upwards of one Thouſand Pounds *per Annum*, got his Diſorder by a Fit of Drinking, and will never be fit to injoy the Eſtate, altho a Scholar too. The Woman's is Pride. One Remark that I have made in the Humour of the firſt man is, That he hates all Women, he being once in his youth Clapt by one, therefore he calls them all Pocky Whores; and ever ſince that, the fineſt Woman that is he will not come near. Therefore, Brother Libertines and Sinners, ſince the Religious of all ſides have ſet us together by the Ears, let every one mend one; and as you are ſcandelized, and will not mind nor go to hear your Miniſters, take the early Advice of one that has had the Theorick part, but more ſenſible of the Practick, in this looſe debauched Age, and do not defer to *Solomons* Time, for fear God ſhould not except your Repentance; but begin, as I have done, the 3*d* Day of *May*, 1694, being my Birth-day, in the 48th year of my Age, the Day of the Invention or finding the Holy Croſs, which this Day, and the Memory of the Paſſion of our Saviour, I have an extraordinary Devotion for, and ever had, when I minded any thing of Religion; begin

first with Morality, without which, Religion is *Lunacy*, and meer *Banter*; that care I have taken, I thank God, in setling and providing for my Family, that is, in renewing the Lease of my House for 21 years to come, which I have done this 2 Months since: On this House I have laid out upwards of 3 hundred Pounds in Repairs and Improvements; I have left a Cook of my own Breeding up, that shall Dress a Dish of Meat as well as any Cook in or about the City of *London*, and other Servants accordingly that are fit for business; *I* have made over, and intrusted all this into the Hands of Capt. *Johnson*, my principal Creditor, whose kindness I shall never forget, in sending me to this place, whatever I have said of him in my passion; and he that will wrong such a Friend, as I am informed lately several hath him, it is pity the Law doth not make it Hanging, that is, when it's designed; and this that I have done, is not with design to Compound with any Creditor, or to defraud any one, for I have ordered as the Debts and Mony comes, to pay every Man twenty Shillings in the Pound; but my meaning is to preserve my Family, as it behoves every Christian so to do; *I* having exposed my self so publickly, and have suffered my self wilfully to be imposed on, when *I* could have avoided it, which is no better than *doing ill, that good might come on it*, which *I* acknowledg a presumption in me; therefore as *I* have lashed out of my self, contrary to my Niture, and yet taken time by the Forelock, I would have others take warning by me, and avoid the giving the occasion of such jesting with Edg Tools, for a blot is no blot till its hit; but the Blur, as it hath been so publickly by me occasioned, as in Respect to the Religion I profess,

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I firſt deſire the Indulgence thereof, and the Prayers of that Congregation in particular, and all good Chriſtians in general, Firſt, for the Scandal that I have given to all that pretend to Religion, or Civil Community; and that I may perſevere to the end in this fully reſolved undertaking, which in the preſence of God Almighty, I do with true Contrition, and as heartily Diſcharge of the Pennance injoyned me, as if I was this Minute to depart this Life; and ſhall, if God permit me Health, and any Proſperity, endeavour to make ſuch Satisfaction as my Circumſtance ſhall allow; therefore, to lay a ſure Foundation, that I may not faulter in this Pious Undertaking, I have reſolved, and prepared, and ſetled my concerns accordingly, to withdraw my ſelf into the Country for this *Summer*, where my Friends and Family ſhall, as often as the conveniency of the place will allow, hear from me.

This I do againſt the conſent of the principal part of my Creditors; but I do it with an intent to Habit my ſelf to a more orderly Courſe of Life, I being not certain of my own Strength. Dear fellow Creatures, I conclude with a hearty concern for all that lead theſe vicious ſort of Lives, for want of a ſerious Conſideration, and their bellowing at the Government, which is only for more Plenty, that they may be more Riotous, I would Adviſe you to mend your Lives, and be Subject and Obedient, and live Peaceable under ſuch Government as God Almighty permits to be over you, for that I have found all along moſt Peaceable; this I ſpeak not to any in particular, but to the general, eſpecially them of my own perſwaſion, that are moſt Culpable, which hath often troubled me, to ſee them ſo conſtant at Chappel, and the

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moſt wicked in Converſation ; and them that I have been the moſt beholding to, for their *Calumniating*, *Detracting*, and *Deceiving* in general, which I pray God may forgive them, for I do. So hoping that ſome one may profit by my example, if ſo, I ſhall not think this laſt Week of time ſpent in this ſerious Work, to be ill beſtowed, with my giving God the Glory in making me ſenſible of my paſt offences. I remain a well wiſher to the *Engliſh Monarchy*, antiently eſtabliſhed by Law, ſince the Reformation, againſt all *Foraign Powers*, *Spiritual* or *Temporal*, in an Hoſtile manner ; and I deſire that I, and my Family may be ſheltered under the Wings of the Church of *England*, antiently Eſtabliſhed, whom I have found my trueſt and beſt Friends.

But being willing to Publiſh the moſt Pithy and ſenſible reaſon of my withdrawing my ſelf from my Family, with ſubmiſſion to the publick, I will venture a little farther into the Wilderneſs with *Æſop*'s Aſs, but as near as I can, I will have a care of being beaten with my own Baſting-Ladle : The Reaſon is as followeth, I having Married one of the Church of *England*, which I never liked her the worſe, ſhe being of the Old Stamp, and doth as ſhe always did, live up to what ſhe ever did pretend to, and that very Zealouſly when occaſion has required. I keeping a Publick Houſe, it is common Prudence to be civil and reſpectful to all People; but to ſome particularly, that I am, and have been obliged to, which it being not only Requiſite, but grateful to appear in this Company, which if any Argument of News has preſented, eſpecially that which hath toucht my Loyalty, being deſpiſingly delivered, and the Aſſertion falſly and Irreverendly grounded,

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and ſo Irreligiouſly managed, and eſpecially upon the beſt of Maſters, and trueſt of Friends; I have not had the patience, but to withdraw my ſelf into ſome private room with Tears in my Eyes, and much ado to govern my ſelf within the bounds of civil behaviour; but when I come to my ſelf to conſider my own offences, and others, is the occaſion of it, it gives my great Soul and Loyal Spirits ſome relief, but it leaves a coolneſs in the Converſation afterwards; therefore as I have a natural Averſion to Hypocriſy even from the Duke, to the Linkman, I have taken the more poſitive reſolution in this Affair, and when I can more freely command my own Labours, I may return again if God permit my Life ſo long; and altho I leave my All behind me, yet I carry *Simonides*'s Wealth in the Fable, after his Shipwrack, being contented in my Misfortunes, I leave the reſt to Providence.

Now I conclude with my laſt whim on the 3d of *May*, before mentioned, *I* prepared a Treat that came to nigh 10*l.* with only 1*s.* in my pocket; and to take leave of the Vanity and Extravagancy of the Age, *I* invited ſome *Gentlemen of the Temple*, that *I* have an *Eſteem for*, and are not *Reflected* on in theſe *Papers*, and ſome *Ladies*, whoſe *Converſation*, *I* hope, proved not ungrateful to them, with a *Conſort of Muſick*; but *I* happened into a rude and ungrateful Houſe, which *I* choſe for *Privacy* and *Conveniency*, which ſtopt me for a *Reckoning* of one and twenty Shillings, being part of the whole *Reckoning*, altho they had three times the value in *Goods* in and about their Houſe that *I* brought in: This Houſe, is a *Wine-houſe* near the Stables in *Summerſet Houſe*, by the Water ſide, where when the *Portagues* was Maſter, and living, *I* have drank the beſt of *Port Wines*; but now you may have as good in any *Hedg Ta-*

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vern in any part of the Town; *I* being forc'd to withdraw my ſelf from my Company to *conſider what to do*, *I* could have had 3 *times the Mony of ſeveral in the Company*, but *I* would not ask at ſuch a time, *when it would look like a deſign, to give Roaſt Meat, and beat them with the Spit.* It was a great diſappointment to loſe that *Converſation* I ſo much delighted in; but I bore it patiently, knowing it the only means towards a Reformation; but the moſt ſenſible *ingratitude* was, I ſent to one of St. *Paul's* curſed Mony Tellers in *Gerard Street*, a *Black Boy* without, and a very *black Soul* within (*I* am afraid) a parcel of Books, that I will not take 10*l.* for them, to ſend what he thought fit, and his Mony to be repaid in a Month, with the Extortion of 6*d.* *per* Month, for 20 Shillings; and he knows that he, and his Family has been not a little obliged to me. Another of our *Catholick Crew*, a Mealman, that at any time would take a Treat without Scruple of Conſcience, but not one penny for me in my Neceſſity, but very ſorry for my condition; my own Family the ſame: it being ſo, *I* will now *look to my ſelf, and live better than ever I have done, and free from Care.*

The next, and laſt is my *Advice to the Fair Sex in general*; but firſt the *Incumbered*, that they would take care in giving their *Lectures* according to the *Temper* and *Condition* of their *Yoak mates Diſorder*, and at this time, mannage with *diſcretion*; for many by their *miſmanagement* make the *Remedy worſe than the Diſeaſe*. This *I* am not willing to Enlarge too much upon, for fear of touching near home. As for the *Merry Grigs*, in all my Travels, *I* have found great Errors amongſt them; *I* know but one that *I* have any *Value* for, ſhe having been my beſt and moſt true Friend, which *I* cannot omit taking notice of; and indeed

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ſhe is the moſt grateful and obliging of the whole Sex, and her *Converſation* is all that I ever coveted, but I am proud to be under her *Command*, which as far as I am capable, I ſhall, and ever will endeavour to be ſerviceable, ſhe having been my moſt true Friend in my Neceſſity. I could make this Diſcourſe much larger, but knowing the Temper of the Age, as not for reading large Books, I reſt here,

Your Humble Servant,
and well Wiſher,

JOHN DUTTON

Then farewel all you old Ingenious,
This ungrateful Age is ſo Abſtenious,
That old Faſhion'd Chaucers Engliſh,
Charmingly like Oracle ſpoke; Piſh,
'Tis all Time and Labour loſt; I could
Wiſh our Genius *now were not ſo cold,*
In not conſidering well our Future State,
But leave all Holy Practiſe till too late.
Our Learned Hudibras *did foretel many*
Accidents, that are our preſent Deſtiny;
In giving way to Swearing, Lying, Evil
Habits that are incourag'd by the Devil.
Precurſers of that Antichriſtian Crew,
Who in their Nature will give none their due
Like Dog, turn to his Vomit, laps up his ſpue,
Diſloyal to their Maker, and were never true.

If you would know more of an Impetuous Woman, look into *Æſop*'s Fable, Moral and Reflection, of *Black-Birds* and *Thruſhes*; and another between the *Taylor and his Wife*, ſhe calling him *Prick louſe*; and when he duck'd her under water, that ſhe could not ſpeak, ſhe acted her Part with nicking her Thumbs above the Water: This has been my caſe, and that too often, with Reflecting on Religion, which is a misfortune to Marry into a contrary Religion. All you that love your Peace, take pity on me, for this ungoverned Member in Woman, called the Tongue, which hath cauſed my taking raſh Oaths, *never to live with that which I only Loved*; and I have not only ſaid, but ſwore, *never to Cohabit with her any more in this Life.*

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I Think it very neceſſary to give an Account of my Behaviour ſince my reſolved Reformation. To gratify the whole, but more in particular, the moſt private Inquiſitors into others manners and behaviour, and the moſt publick Neglecters of their own; I muſt confeſs, according to the publick Vogue of the World, there has been little ſign of Amendment; but the reaſon is, the narrowneſs of my Circumſtances hath prevented my Publiſhing this Work ſooner; and having blaſted my Credit, I can have nothing without the ready penny; and

and then my general Converſation hath been amongſt ſome particular People of moſt Notorious Fame; the Age being very Cenſorious; altho in theſe matters, I muſt compare my ſelf to be ſomething like a Trunk-maker, in making a great deal of Hammering, before I ſtrike any Nail on the Head; indeed my Life hath been, for theſe four years laſt paſt, a *Farce*, I having been pointed at as I have walked along the Streets, for a Mad-man, and no Mad-man; a Prince, and no Prince, a *Sotio*, and no *Sotio*, a Libertine, and no Libertine, but the moſt like old *Timon* of all theſe; So that I am in a confuſion within my ſelf many times, whether I am Dead or Living; the whole Kingdom ſeems to me to be an Inchanted Iſland; when I ſeriouſly conſider, I have praiſed God, that I have eſcap'd being put into *Bedlam*. If I ſpeak a ſenſible word, it's Madneſs; if Swear, nay, ſay what I will, or carry my ſelf with all the Sedateneſs poſſible, it is all Lunacy: So I am reſolved to let the Jeſt go on, and make my ſelf merry with the Thoughts of what hath paſt, and make my ſelf as Eaſy, as my Genious will allow; for I muſt believe all my Writings and Proteſtations will be look'd upon but Panegyrick; and if it turns to my expected Benefit, I hope you will all in general give the Gainer leave to ſmile.

I muſt deſire all good People to judg Charitably of me, it being not in my power to ſubſiſt without the Converſation of a Witty, Cleanly, Airy Woman, altho indifferently Beautiful; for I look upon all Mankind of Sence, Health, and good Humour to be like the *World*, before it was Modelized, a Maſſy lump of Earth, without the Converſation of Women: Do but conſider all

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History, both Divine and Human, the Wisdom of God Almighty, in making Woman at second Thought, to try the Loyalty of Man, he proving false, Woman was made choice of; Then consider the great Atcheivements and Alterations in the World since its Creation, caused by Woman. I will not run too far on this Subject, for fear of running my self a ground; therefore farewel until the next occasion, which I hope will not happen on this Account.

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